FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 13, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 2372 - SB 2541**

This bill, if enacted, will require that victims and prosecution witnesses be provided a waiting area that is separate and secure from the defendant or defense witnesses during the judicial process.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in local government expenditures* for construction or renovation to provide such space. The amount of such increase cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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^{*}Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*